

CLAIMS

We Claim:

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1. A dispenser of plastic bags, comprising:
a substantially smooth front panel defining a top, bottom and middles sections of the
container; and
wherein the front panel includes an access opening for accessing the plastic bags.

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2. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the front panel includes substantially rounded
corners.

3. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the front panel includes no sharp bents.

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4. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the front panel is made from a sheet of metal.
5. The dispenser of claim 1, further comprising a protective guard at the access opening.

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6. A container for storing and dispensing plastic bags, comprising:
a housing having at least one aperture for plastic bags, the housing comprising:
a front panel made from a metal;
side panels made from a plastic material; and
a mounting member for facilitating assembling the front panel to the side panels.

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7. The container of claim 6, wherein the mounting member is adapted to receive a
fastener for attaching the side panels to the mounting member.

8. The container of claim 7, wherein the fastener is a screw.

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9. The container of claim 8, wherein the mounting member includes a hole adapted to receive the screw.

10. The container of claim 7, wherein the fastener is an adhesive material.

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11. The container of claim 7, wherein when the side panels are attached to the mounting member, the side panels clamp the front panel in place with respect to the side panels.

12. The container of claim 6, wherein the side panels include grooves extending along the periphery of the side panels, the grooves adapted to receive side edges of the front panel.

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13. A container for storing and dispensing plastic bags, comprising:

a housing defining a storage space; and

the housing having a funnel-shaped aperture for insertion of the plastic bags into the

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container, wherein a wide end of the aperture faces the outside of the container and a narrow end faces storage space.

14. The container of claim 13, further comprising a bracket having the funnel-shaped aperture.

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15. The container of claim 14, further comprising a panel having an opening, wherein the bracket is positioned relative to the opening such that the wide end of the aperture faces the opening.

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16. The container of claim 13, further comprising a panel having the funnel-shaped aperture.

17. A container for plastic bags, comprising:

a one-piece panel having a rear panel and side panels, wherein the side panels are

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foldable relative to the rear panel; and

a front panel assembled to the one-piece panel.

18. The container of claim 17, wherein the one-piece panel is made of a plastic material.

5 19. The container of claim 17, wherein the one-piece panel includes a scored section to facilitate folding the side panels relative to the rear panel.

20. The container of claim 17, wherein the side panels include grooves adapted to receive the front panel.

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20. A container for storing and dispensing plastic bags, comprising:
a metal front panel defining a top, bottom and middle sections having an opening; and
a protective guard at the opening.

15 21. The container of claim 20, wherein the metal front panel has the opening at the top section.

22. The container of claim 20, wherein the container has a flat profile such that as plastic bags are inserted through the opening the bags are stacked in an organized fashion.

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23. The container of claim 20, further comprising means for mounting the container to a vertical surface.

24. A process of assembling a container for storing and dispensing plastic bags,
25 comprising the following steps:

providing a metal front panel and a plastic one-piece panel having a rear panel and
side panels foldable relative to the rear panel;
folding the side panels relative to the rear panel; and
clamping the side panels to the front panel.

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25. The process of claim 24, wherein the clamping step further comprises the steps:
providing a mounting member; and
attaching the side panels to the mounting member such that the side panels clamp the
front panel.

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26. The process of claim 25, wherein the clamping step further comprises the step of
providing the side panels with grooves adapted to receive edges of the front panel

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27. The process of claim 24, further comprising attaching the front panel to the rear panel.

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panels.